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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the congregation of New
4 Freewill Baptist Church on the occasion of the church's 24th
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, The members and clergy of New Freewill Baptist
7 Church have undertaken numerous initiatives to serve their
8 community; they have sponsored various Easter and scholastic
9 activities, as well as alternate programs and activities such
10 as "Praise The Lord Night", which is an alternative to
11 Halloween; they have promoted the usage of Project Reality
12 Health Curriculum standards in various Champaign schools; they
13 have also purchased a DVD series, "The Truth Behind Hip Hop",
14 in order to educate others about hip hop's influence in society
15 and the negativity of hip hop usage, in many cases with panel
16 discussions among youth, teachers, counselors, and parents;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The pastorate of New Freewill Baptist Church,
19 including Bishop King James Underwood and Minister Theodore
20 Burnett, have hosted numerous workshops on various topics,
21 including financial planning and management, healthy living,
22 and many others; and

1 WHEREAS, The members of New Freewill Baptist Church take
2 Communion to the sick, shut-ins, and residents of local nursing
3 homes; they also reach out to inmates in local jails and
4 prisons and hold bible study and other programs for all who are
5 interested; and

6 WHEREAS, The congregation of New Freewill Baptist Church
7 serve as models of piety, integrity, and dedication for the
8 people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate the congregation of New Freewill Baptist Church on
12 the occasion of the church's 24th anniversary and wish them
13 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to New Freewill Baptist Church as a symbol of our
17 esteem and respect.